Rocket attack in Srinagar

2421. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Rocket attack on R-Day Stadium in Srinagar" published in the Indian Express dated 27th January, 1994; and

(b) if so, what stringent measures have been/are being taken to prevent such incidents in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The militants had propelled a rocket towards the Bakshi Stadium in Srinagar on 26 January 1994, which hit a water tank outside the stadium. No loss of life or property was caused due to this attack. The attack did not disrupt the Republic Day functions which passed off peacefully.

The security arrangements are being continuously reviewed and action for strenghtening streamling the same being taken on a regular basis.

Renaming of Andamana and Nicobar Islands

2422. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had re-christened the Andaman and Nicobar Islands as 'Sahid and Swaraj Dweeps";

(b) if so, whether Government are now contemplating to act accordingly and rename these Islands as per Netaji's wishes; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

ISI activities through Nepal border

2423. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether high level officials of his ministry have recently visited the check-posts alone the Indo-Nepal Border;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan's ISI had made Nepal a base for some of its operations in India; and

(c) if so, whether the security measures have been tightened and intelligence services deployed to counter ISI services on Indo-Nepal border and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government of India has sensitised the Government of Nepal on the issue. Attempts have been made for better cooperation and exchange of information with the Government of Nepal.

Special Committee for North-East States

2424. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted any special committee to prevent North-East States of the country from militancy;

(b) if so, what are the details of the committee stating the names of the States to be undertaken by the committee; and